HOME EDITION

(Generally fair tonight and Sun-day; colder tonight, with rising tem-

YUAN SHI KAI TAKES **CELESTIAL THRONE UNDER** PROTEST: MONARCH

REPUBLICAN IS FORCED BY PEOPLE TO GRASP REINS

Chinese Statesman, Refusing Post, Yields to Patriotism.

Checkered Career Topped With Dignity and Glory.

HONORED BY LI HUNG CHANG

Remaking of Army in Clash With Japan Won Him Fame.

His Asture Mind First Manifested in Boxer War.

Peking, Dec. 11.—Yuan Shi Kai, president of the Chinese republic, has accepted the throne of China tendered to him by the council of state. Acting as a parliament, the council

of state today canvassed the vote : the question of a change in the form the question of a change in the form of government of China to a monarchy AMERICAN CHINESE and found that the votes of 1,993 representatives out of 2.043 qualified vote on the proposition were favorable to change

council of state immediately was forwarded to him a second time,

China's First Citizen.

In recent years Yuan Shi-Kai has become the most conspicuous personality of the Orient through his efforts to bring his 160,000,000 reilles 2. How men into line as citizens of the new republic of China. The task of turning this most ancient and hackward of kingdoms into a republic within whose confines there was a fifth of the world's inhabitants—a republic four times as large as the United States—was obviously no easy one and the man who attempted it did not escape storms of criticism from those who held that he was a dictator, virtually founding a new dynasty. But among foreigners generally Yuan Shi-Kai was given credit for as able an administration as could be expected under the circumstances. Chiun's First Citizen. of raising a large fund to further such opposition.

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Long before Yuan Shi-Kai was widely known abroad he had been accepted by the Manchus, the Chinese, and the foreigners in China as a coming man.

Born in 1859, the son of a district governor in the province of Homan.

The machinery for obtaining an expression of the nation's opinion of the proposed change having been put into operation, it was announced in Peking, on November 7, that fifteen of the eighteen provinces had voted in favor of a monarchy.

Munifion Strike Probe Breaks

Open Labor Meeting.

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and intended to use the council as a and means to further the strike propa-ing

When the government started its When the government started its investigation into the activities of You Ribitelen, several men, who had been officials of the peace council and had resizued, placed at the disposal of federal authorities information regarding the inner working of the council.

L. P. Straube, secretary of the council, is said to have been one of these men. He is due in New York from Chicago tomorrow and will be council.

rst boat back after their leave

AUSTRIANS AND GERMANS ARE EVACUATING LEMBERG

Petrograd, Dec. 11.-A report that the Austrians and Germans are evacuating Lemberg, capital of received here today from Kiev.

Charles Annual No.



TO OPPOSE THRONE

sent to Yuan Shi Kai a petition urging King Chong, president of the Chinese him to accept the throne. He de-clined at first, but when the petition to the controlling begins of thousands of similar controlling begins in North and South was forwarded to him a second time, he accepted, with the proviso that he would continue to act as president until a convenient time for the coronation.

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in event a monarchy was re-estab-

German Sympathizers Accused from the Japanese government, backed up by Russia and Great Britain, against the immediate restoration of a monarchical government has been disregarded. An official man-New York. Dec. 11.—A quarrel which rent labor's national peace council into two antagonistic factions was stated today by federal official.

council into two antagonistic factions was stated today by federal officials to have been largely responsible for the uncovering of an alleged conspiracy involving Franz Von Rintelen a institute attrikes in munition factories. According to this statement a number of members of the council joined the organization believing it was a body formed to work impartially in the interests of peace. Later they discovered, it is said, that an inner ring of German sympathizers and agent of Von Rintelen was really in control and intended to use the council as a means to further the artifle.

U. S. SHIP IS HELD UP

Steamer San Juan, Flying American Flag, Seized and Searched

men. He is due in New York from Chicago tomorrow and will be questioned by United States Attorney Marshall.

Yankee Aviators to Return,
Paris. Dec. 11.—Lieut. William
Thaw and Sergeants Prince and Cowdin, the three American aviators with the week of the process of the New York, Dec. 11.—The steamer San Juan of the New York & Porto Rico line was held up and searched by a French cruiser while the steamer was bound from New Orleans to San Juan, Porto Rico, according to a message received by the line today. Two second class passengers were removed. The San Juan flies the American

SUSPEND BERLIN POST

Imperial Wrath on Head of Belligerent Editor.

London, Dec. 11.—"General Von Kessel, commander at Berlin, has prohibited further publication of the Post, the leading conservative newspaper," says the Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company.

"Its offense was an article hostile to any form of peace unless Germany reacount of the war was attributed by

JITNEY MEN LOSE FIGHT FOR RIGHTS

May Be Restricted as to Streets in Handling Traffic.

Supreme Court Decision May Put Them Out of Business.

CASE ORIGINATED AT WICHITA

Decision of the District Court Has Been Sustained.

Other Opinions Handed Down by Highest Tribunal.

Kansas jitney owners lost their fight in the supreme court today, when that body held that drivers of cars may be restricted as to streets in the handling restricted an to streets in the handling of passenger traffic. The case went to the supreme court from Wichita and according to opinions of persons in touch with the case, the plan of fighting the litneys may be adopted in Topeka and other cities.

Under the Wichita case, a jitney driver might operate on streets not traversed by the street cars and pay but a nominal license. Operation on the principal streets of the town, however, meant a heavy license. The fee

Wichita ordinance was sustained by the Sedgwick county district court and affirmed by the supreme court in an opinion by Justice West. Chief Jus-tice Johnston and Justice Porter dis-

sented.

In Wichita it was held that the classification of streets to be used by the Jitneys was a proper regulation under the power of the city commission. The ordinance virtually put the jitney drivers out of business. It made competition with the street railway almost impossible under the slightness of ligerary forms.

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The McKinley interests, which own the Wichita street railway, also own the Topeka and Atchison lines. Other street railway and interurban com-panies were keenly interested in the suit and the decision today probably will affect jitney owners in every town in Kansas where the motor cars compete with street vilways. While compete with street cile motor cars compete with street cileways. While no definite statement has been made, it is believed that an early effort will be model secure the cassage of an ordinance in Topeka similar to the Wichita measure. Brewers Lose Case,

Brewery wagons cannot operate on the streets of Kansas towns and assist (Continued on Page Two.)

DUMBA MAN BAD?

Successor to Late Austrian Envoy Quickly Under Fire.

Photographic Prints Involving Zwiedinek Startle Lansing.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Simultaneous with the announcement that the American note on the Ancona incident had been delivered by Ambassador Penfield to the Austrian foreign of fice, it became known today that Baron Zwiedinek, temporary successor to Ambassador Dumba, stands in grave danger of following the latter official home by request of the United States. The American note, said to be externemely emphatic, will be made pubtremely emphatic, will be made public Monday morning. Developments in the case of Baron Zwiedinek have occurred paridly in the past fe wdays. The most startling evidence against any Austrian official yet was laid before Secretary Lansing today in the form of photographs of letters bearing Baron Zweidinek's signature. They were written from Manchester, Mass. in August, 1914 to the consult general at New York and indicated plans for wholesale misuse and forgeries of American passports.

THANKS AGAIN

Beg Pardon, but the compling on the "New State Journal Education on the "New State Journal Education of American passports."

A good thing.—A. A. Robinson.

FIRE ON BRITISH SHIP

Freighter, Sugar Laden, Puts Back Toward New York When Fire Is

New York, Dec. 11.—The British freighter Tyninghame, sugar-laden, put back toward New York soon after she had passed quarantine, fire having broken out aboard. She passed quarantine, returning with smoke pouring from after hold No. 4, and anchored off the Statue of Liberty.

Another Britisher Down, London, Dec. 11.—The British steamship Busiris, 2,700 tons, gross, has been sunk. Her crew was landed.

THE NOON EDITION

The noon edition of the State Journal is becoming so popular that regular newsboys have been stationed on Kansas avenue at Fifth, Sixth and Ninth streets and at the Santa Fe general offices on Jackson street. Newsboys will also be stationed soon at other corners so the public can buy the noon and evening editions without delay. The noon edition is sold for 1 Article Hostile to Peace Brings Down urdays, when the charge is 2 cents, account the larger number and comic pages in colors.
All other editions are 2 cents every

any form of peace unless Germany re-tains all the occupied territory." account of the war was attributed by his friends as the motive.

Allied Powers GAS COMPANY Fail in Balkan Drive; Get Out

Sofia, Dec. 11.—(Via London)
—The French and British armies continue to fall back bofore the Bulgarians, who have occupied a number of additional positions formerly held by the allied troops.

The following report of these operations was issued at the war office here today:

"The French concentrated near Petrovo part of their troops from Demlri-Kapu and Gievgell. On Wednesday fighting was resumed on the Petrovo-Marovka front. Our troops captured several positions on the heights and drove back the French to the Vardar.

"Our column which advanced through the Vardar defile defeated the French rear guard near the village of Klosura, taking 100 prisoners. The column advancing on the left bank of the Vardar attacked the French positions near the Doluvoda Estnary. The French retired to Graden, and after desperate street fighting there, to Iudomo.

"Our troops captured a strong position on the Protan-Memili line which the Franco-British troops fortified the first day after their arrival.

"The enemy is rettring south of the Rabrovo-Valondovo line."

This communication, whose date of issue is not given, evidently refers to fighting of several days ago, which occurred on Serbian territory. Unofficial cable dispatches yesterday said the French and British bad quit Serbia. This report, however, has not been confirmed.

SEEKS BOMB LAW

Attorney General Wants Measure to Protect U. S. Neutrality.

Gregory's Annual Report Made to Congress Today.

RAILROAD MEASURE IS URGED

Amendment Suggested to Interstate Commerce Act.

Leavenworth Pen May Soon Have Big Furniture Factory.

protect the United States against neu the progress of the war in Europe

the progress of the war in Europe and the Mexican revolutions, were asked of congress today by Attorney General Gregory in his annual report. The attorney general suggested amendments to the present neutrality statutes to make it specifically a crime against the United States to place bombs or other explosives on vessels sailing from American ports and that it should be made a crime for any person to escape or attempt to escape from an interned warship of a belilgerent nation; and in any event authority should be given to some government department to arrest and return any such person to the place of internment.

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Oldest Man in Illinois Dead. Joliet, Ill., Dec. 11.-James Murphy 107 years old, believed to be the old-It is now evident that the protest tremely emphatic, will be made publest man in Illinois, has died. He was

THANKS AGAIN!

Beg Pardon, but the compliments in the "New State Journal Eight" ust keep right on pouring into the ffice. Here are expressions from sev-

I think the new eight column State Journal is a big sized paper. I like it. -Ray Harries, city passenger agent for the Union Pacific rallroad. An excellent plan. Makes the pa-per take on new life. J. S. Dean. You can say for me the State Jour-nal "eight" is a corking good paper, an asset to the city, and a bosn to the community.—Postmaster W. O. Higby.

It's a dandy idea and I am 'or it.-

"Do I read it? Sure I devour it. The eight column stant is an up-to-date idea."—Fred Nipps, Shawnee county commissioner and Missouri Pa-cific agent.

I think that the S-column paper is a great improvement. It certainly adds to the appearance of an already good looking and newsy paper. J. Drury, superintendent of the Santa Fe shops.

The enlargement meets with my approval and from comments I have heard about it I think the feeling is general.—C. E. Bascom, city passenger agent, Rock Island Lines.

I like the paper very much. It is a great improvement.—John R. Mulvane, president of the Bank of Topeka. The new eight-column State Journal is in keeping with the city's progress. It is fine and shows that business is good.—J. R. Burrow, president of the Central National bank.

I like it better every day. It indicates prosperity for the State Journal and for the city. It has a metropolitan appearance that pleased me the first day I picked up the new paper.—City Commissioner Frank M. Newland.

Fine. One. The widening of the paper to eight columns gives more space for news and more news makes a better paper. I think the change has made a great improvement in the Journal—City Commissioner W. H. Tandy.

WANTS MORE MONEY SOON

Kansas Natural Doesn't Think Increase Is Sufficient.

Accept 3-Cent Raise Now-Then Ask for More.

'ORDER IS CONFISCATORY"

Robert Stone Says New Rate Isn't Compensatory.

28-Cent Rate Will Go Into Effect This Month.

Robert Stone, attorney for the Kanas Natural Gas company receivers, stated this afternoon that he would commend the adoption at once of

ages not alterpate that the gas com-pany will refuse to supply gas under the 23 cent rate. Instead, he says, a fight will be waged to show that the Bristow order was not based on facts or evidence offered in the hearing be-fore the former United States senator.

Order Confiscatory. Order Confiscatory.

"The order is confiscatory and does of provide a rate that is any way ompensatory." was the rather cause or remark which Stone ventured today. "For one thing, the statement the opinion that the field has a turne life of twelve years is not borne it by any testimony offered by the is company or the commission. Every footing of the provided that the life of twelve years is not borne in the provided that the life of twelve years is not borne in the provided that the life of t

[Continued on Page Twelve.] SAFETY FOR BOY-ED

liam by Appealing to Britain and France for Fairness.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Secretary Lansing immediately will ask Great Britain and France, through their em-bassies here, for safe conduct for Cap-tains Boy-Ed and Von Papen, respect-ively naval and military attaches of the German embassy here, pursuant to





Captain Boy-Ed (top) and Capt. Franz von Papen.

the request of Emperor William, who he request of Emperor William, who beersonally recalled the officers. With-liawal of the attaches had been re-puested by the secretary because of heir alleged acts, which rendered hem persona non grata to the Amer-can government.

Official announcement of Emperor William's action was made by Secre-William's action was made by Secre-tary Lansing after receiving a com-munication from the German foreign office through Count von Bernstorff

The emperor also requested safe conduct for the successors of Captains Boy-Ed and Von Papen, who will be named later Action on this, however, will await he naming of the successors.

SHOCK TO BRITISH Policy of U.S. Allies Still Falling Back Before Takes a Turn the Bulgarians.

London Now Admits That Forces Are Inadequate.

INFLICTING HEAVY LOSSES French Artillery Mows Down the Pursuing Hordes.

Medical Examination in England Perfunctory Now.

Paris, Dec. 11.-France and Great Britain decided today to continue the campaign in the Balkans and agreed on military measures designed to assure the security of the expeditionary forces which landed at Saloniki.

recommend the adoption at once of the new gas rate, but would also urge a finish fight for a further increase. He declared that the 28 cent rate under the order was confiscatory and that findings of the Bristow commission were not in keeping with the evidence.

Mandamus proceedings will probably be filed in the state courts in the next few days. Stone indicated. It is probable that the gas company will take its troubles at once to the supreme court and will ask for an order instructing Bristow to make further pursuit of his investigations. Stone does not anticipate that the gas company will refuse to supply gas under the 23 cent rate. Instead, he says, a fight will be waged to show that the Bristow order was not based on facts or evidence offered in the hearing before the former United States senator. ing the present war as headquarters of the typhus hospital of Dr. James F. Donrelly, of New York, who died in Nish in February.

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It is generally conceded the present forces of the allies are inadequate to cope with Bulgaria and the central powers whose armies, according to a statement credited to Premier Bados-lavoff, of Bulgarian, now number 1, 000 000 men.

1000,000 men.

The final day for recruiting under the plan of the Earl of Derby finds no diminution in the crowds which besieged the recruiting station. In the rush medical examination has become as perfunctory as the signing of the recruit's name and it is expected many of those who have come for-ward will be rejected when called for One H dred Dollars Each for

SCHOOL MEN HERE

Kansas Athletic Conference Is in Session Here Today.

Midland and Bethel Colleges Taken Into Conference.

The annual December meeting of the Kansas College Athletic association began this morning in the directors' room of the Y. M. C. A. with President J. F. Phillips of Southwestern university, presiding.

The morning hours were largely taken up with routine business, following the reading and approving the minutes of the various committees.

Midland college of Atchison and Bethel college, Newton, were admitted to membership in the conference.

A fight to do away with the award—[Continued on Page Twelves.]

Governor Capper today effered rewards, wanted for connection with the state in connection with the state in connection with the state hospital scandal. For each of the state will offer a reward of \$100. That isn't all. The governor's verdict in the eight men wanted by the state in connection with the state hospital scandal. For each of the state will offer a reward of \$100. That isn't all. The governor's verdict in the eight men wanted by the state in connection with the state hospital scandal. For each of the state will offer a reward of \$100. That isn't all. The governor's verdict in the case. The governor's verdict in the case. The governor's verdict in the case, the governor want to county officials used due diligence and energy in the case. The governor want to county officials used the first president of the governor want. L. Kiene, sheriff.

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Havre, Dec. 11.—The munitions factories of the Belgian government here were destroyed today by an explosion. Extensive damage was done and many Extensive damage was done and many persons were injured.

All the employees were at work when a detonation occurred in one of the buildings which contained a sup-ply of powder for loading shells. This caused the shells to blow up with an

UNITED STATES IN NEW CRISIS IN WORLD CRASH

volosion of great violence.

Washington, Dec. 11.—World relations of the United States came to a head today. With Austria, grave danger of severance of diplomatic relations over the Ancona attack was evi-

dent.
With France, a dispute over
shelling of the American steamer
Coamo developed.
With England, congressmen

With England, congressmen sought to start vigorous action to break down the embargo on American commerce.

An apparent deadlock with Germany over the settlement of the Lusitania incident also loomed up, with possibilities of further developments.

Apprehension increased over Austro-American relations. Silence from Vienna was regarded ominous.

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Publication of the note which awaits only official word of its delivery to the Vienna foreign office may make clear the reasons for Austria's silence.

Relaxation of tension with Germany as result of an agreement to recall the attaches was marked. British and French embassics were today asked to arrange safe conduct. That is will be granted without scrious difficulty is assumed. Whether the allies would demand guarantee for the German attaches not to enter military service on returning to Germany was the only undecided question.

For the Best

Valparaiso, Chile, Dec. 11.— The newspaper Mercurio, in a editorial on President Wilson'

"When President Reservelt d "When President Be seveit de-clared in Santiago in 1913 that the Monroe doctrine had ceased to be milateral and was a converted doctrine sustained by the United States, and all the American na-tions, it was considered an ideal-ity. Later, in 1915, the Chilean president adopted the said doc-trine in a message to congress and President Wilson in his recent message confirms such a doctrine to be sustained by all the Ameri-can nations.

"As far as can be remembered,

"As far as can be remembered, "As far as can be remembered, never before had presidents of the United States expressed such ideals regarding the policy of the United States toward the other American nations, and thus South American republics, which considered they had a right to the respect of all nations, did not sympathize with certain attitudes of the eldest sister which were considered to diminish their presenting.

considered to diminish their prestige.

"It is just recognized that the
policy of the United States has
taken a new turn for the best
during the last few years towards
the American nations and has
tried to attract them, inspiring
them with confidence with repeated declarations of deference
and recognition of equality of
rights, thus helping towards a
union based on the community of
interests, and President Wilson's
recent message is a plain confession of this new ideal which meets
with America's sympathy."

REWARD FOR THEM

Governor Capper Will Aid in Asylum Scandal.

At Solicitation of Kiene and Atchison, He Acts.

DEPEND ON COUNTY OFFICERS

Executive Says They Want to Do Everything in Power.

Eight Men Implicated.

Governor Capper today offered re-wards for all of the eight men wanted peka talks were made in the scho

pital case. Governor Capper agreed

WAR PLANT BLOWN UP

Munitions Factories of Belgian Government Destroyed; Many Persons
Injured in Terrific Explosion.

Havre, Dec. 11.—The munitions fac
pital case, Governor Capper agreed to immediately post rewards.

Following the conference, he said that rewards of \$100 would be offered for the arrest of each of the eight men now wanted by the state. The men for whom rewards were offered are: "Jack" Berry, D. E. Deese, Joseph Elliott. "Jack" Cummings, Robert Arnold, H. A. Forsburg, Clifton Davis and Roy Barton.

"J am convinced that the county at-

them," said the gove-conference. NO RAIN OR SNOW

Fair Tonight and Sunday, But Colder Tonight Says the Weath-er Man.

2 degrees below normal for this date. The wind blew at the rate of 16 miles an hour from the north. Following are hourly temperature readings for

Watch Expert Dead.

SHOWERED ON WHITE PLAGUE

Tuberculosis Week Is Observed by Schools and Churches.

Superstitious Parents Believe In Weird Cures.

FIVE SCHOOLS GIVE PLAYLETS

Dr. Crumbine Will Talk on "Submarines of Body."

Views and Movies at Church Sunday Night.

Thirty-three Topeka people found their way to the beyond by the con-sumption route in 1915. This means place to stop the advance there will be a steady increase in the number deaths.



free at the Public Health Nursing association.

This week has been Tuberculosis

ize Her Entire Army. Change in Outlook a Surprise

to All Nations. Athens, Dec. 11.-The Greek gov-"I am convinced that the county at-torney and sheriff want to do every-thing possible and we can depend on them," said the governor after today's ernment has made all arrangements

COTTON IN QUICK DROP

Values in Downward Plunge Break From \$1.70 to \$1.80 a Bale on New Orleans Market.

Fair tonight and Sunday with probably rising temperature tomorrow is the promise of "Sunny" Flora the weather man today.

The rain last night amounted to sixty-eight hundredths of an inch. It was the first rain of measurable amount in 22 days. This is the longest period without rain in five years, even exceeding the drouthy summers of 1911 and 1913.

The shipping forecast calls for a protection of 36-hour shipments north and west 22 degrees and east and south, 25 degrees. This means that the thermometer probably will drop to about 25 degrees in Topeks tonight.

The highest temperature for this date was 69 in 1895 and the lowest was eleven in 1892. The rain was the most that has fallen on this date on record.

The temperatures today averaged in the previous night.

New Oricans Market.

New Oricans hour showed a net loss of thirty at a forty-two points or practically \$2 a hale under the previous night.

The break finally attracted vigorous covering which ralled the market fifteen to nineteen points, although it was still very much unsettled at the

CENTRAL EMPIRES HAVE MILLION MEN IN BALKANS

end of the first hour.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Rupert A. Kettle, one of the watch experts of the world, died at the home of friends here yesterday. Machines he invented have revolutionized and standardized the watch making industry. He has been an executive of the Waltham Watch company for the last thirty years.